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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Vernon Brent Barnes et al.  
Serial No : 10/645,997  
Filed : August 22, 2003  
For : Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes  
Examiner : Carlos N. Lopez  
Art Unit : 1731

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENTS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed April 4, 2006, in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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